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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA SUPPORTIVE ON ADB SAFEGUARD REVIEW

REF: STATE 21473

(SBU) Econoff discussed reftel demarche with Treasury and Ausaid. After consulting internally, Treasury told Embassy that they think the reftel US approach to Free, Prior and Informed Consent is "good and sensible," and they will send this non-paper to the Australian ED in Manila. Treasury indicated they would recommend to the Foreign Minister that he instruct the Australian ED to either abstain or vote "no" on this issue, should it not be amended to satisfy Australian and US concerns.

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